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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the subject patent application:

Response to Office Action; and

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Respectfully submitted,

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This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006 in which restriction was required to one of Invention I corresponding to claims 1-28 drawn to an intraoperative neural monitoring system or Invention II corresponding to claims 29-46 drawn to a method of intraoperative neural monitoring.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Invention I corresponding to claims 1-28 for prosecution on the merits.

In light of the above, the subject patent application is submitted to be in condition for examination on the merits, and early favorable action on the merits is courteously solicited.

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